

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2443 - HB 2632

February 17, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has general supervisory and regulatory power, jurisdiction, and control over radio common carriers and commercial mobile radio services engaged in the federal universal service program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-101 and 65-4-104, TPUC has general supervisory and regulatory power, jurisdiction, and control over all public utilities, including all common carriers.
- According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), “universal service” is the principle that all Americans should have access to communications services; it is also the name of a category of FCC programs and policies to implement this principle.
- Due to radio common carriers and commercial mobile radio services both being common carriers, clarifying that TPUC has general supervisory and regulatory power, jurisdiction, and control over such carriers will have no significant impact to state government.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation will not have any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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